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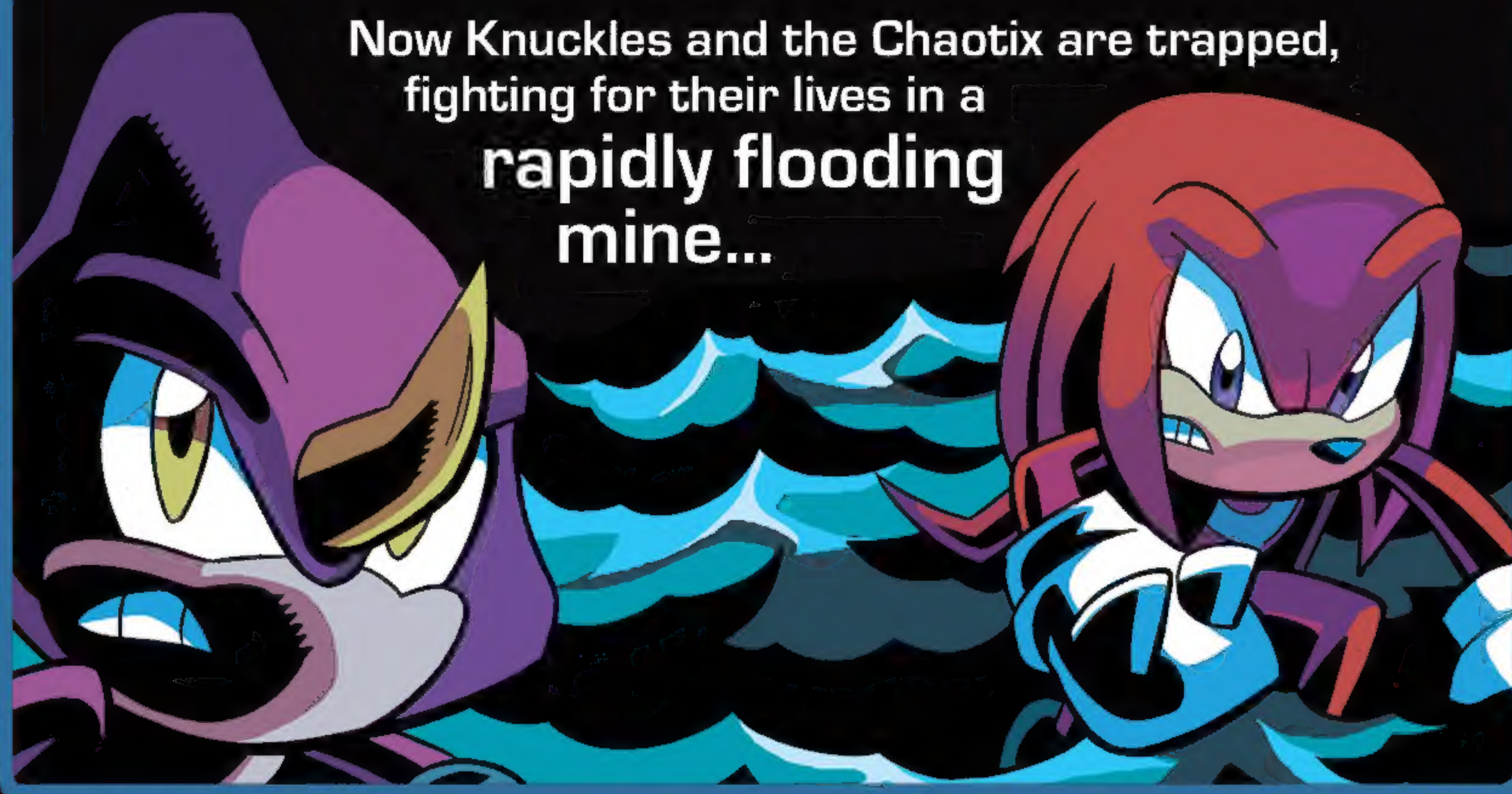
Knuckles the Echidna thought he had a simple mission: go down to the world below and find a lost spirit. He would locate that spirit, return him to Angel Island, then together they would find a way to end the Shattered World Crisis.

So much for that!

Knuckles was joined by the Chaotix, who were hired by Princess Sally to find the Chaos Emeralds. And just when things seemed to be going his way, Knuckles found himself ambushed by mercenaries and monsters alike!



Now Knuckles and the Chaotix are trapped, fighting for their lives in a rapidly flooding mine...



WHO'S WHO



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND



TEAM CHAOTIX
(VECTOR, ESPIO & CHARMY)
FREELANCE DETECTIVES



TEAM HOOLIGAN
(BARK, NACK & BEAN)
MERCENARY OUTLAWS



CHIP
SPIRIT WITH AMNESIA

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AQUATIC
MINE ZONE

NYA-HA-HA!

WE GOT THE
CHAOS EMERALD!
WE GOT A BONUS
HOSTAGE! WE
ESCAPED THE
MONSTER AND--
BEST OF ALL--
BURIED THE
CHAOTIX
ALIVE!

NACK the WEASEL
FANGED SNIPER
(and TOTAL JERK)

YOU DO
STILL HAVE
THE GOODS,
RIGHT?

GOOD!
EGGMAN'S
GOING TO
PAY A
FORTUNE!

CHIP
POWERFUL(?)
SPIRIT

**BARK the
POLAR
BEAR**
SILENT
BRAWLER

HMPH!
EXACTLY!
WHERE WAS THE
ZANINESS?
WHERE WAS THE
**SCHADEN-
FREUDE?**

WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?
THIS JOB
WENT OFF
WITHOUT A
HITCH!

**BEAN the
DYNAMITE
DUCK**
HAS SKEWED
PRIORITIES



SURE THERE
WERE A COUPLE OF
SCUFFLES AND JOYOUS
EXPLOSIONS, BUT WHERE
WAS THE **HEART?** WHERE
WERE THE ADORABLE
ANTICS?! WHERE WAS
THE PIZZA I ORDERED
AN HOUR AGO?!

NOPE. I'M NOT
LETTING YOU RUIN THIS
FOR ME. WE HAD A JOB,
WE GOT IT DONE, AND
BEST OF ALL--



"--WE ELIMINATED THE COMPETITION!"

DARK GAIA TITAN
SUPER-POWERFUL
BEAST FROM THE
DEPTHS

VECTOR the
CROCODILE
CHAOTIX
LEADER

CHARMY
the BEE
JUNIOR
CHAOTIX

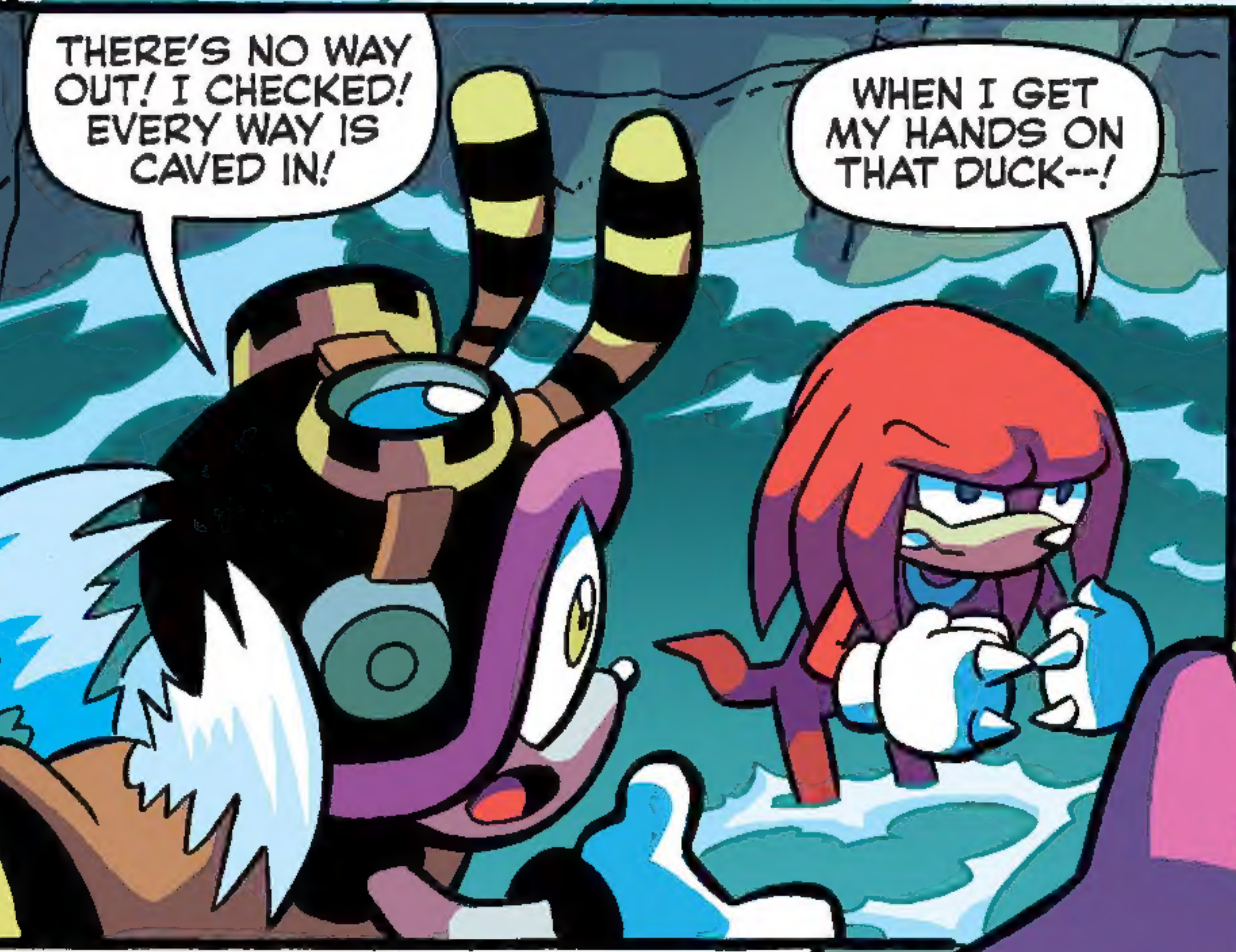
ESPIO the
CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX
NINJA

KNUCKLES
the ECHIDNA
LAST OF HIS
KIND

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

FINALE: WATER WAY TO GO!

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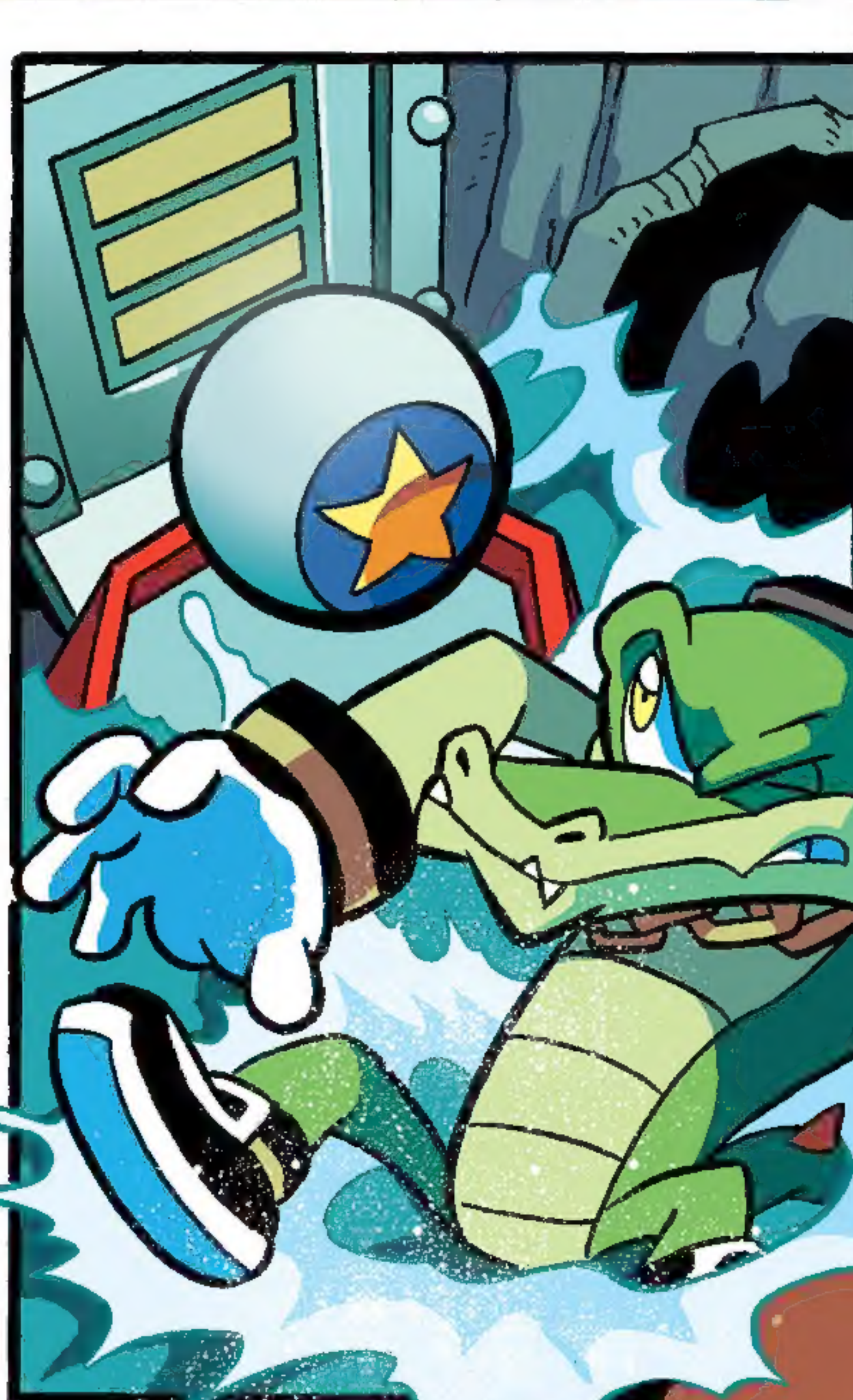
THERE'S NO WAY OUT! I CHECKED! EVERY WAY IS CAVED IN!

WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THAT DUCK---



THERE'S A TUNNEL IN THE FLOOR HERE, BUT THE WATER'S NOT MOVING...

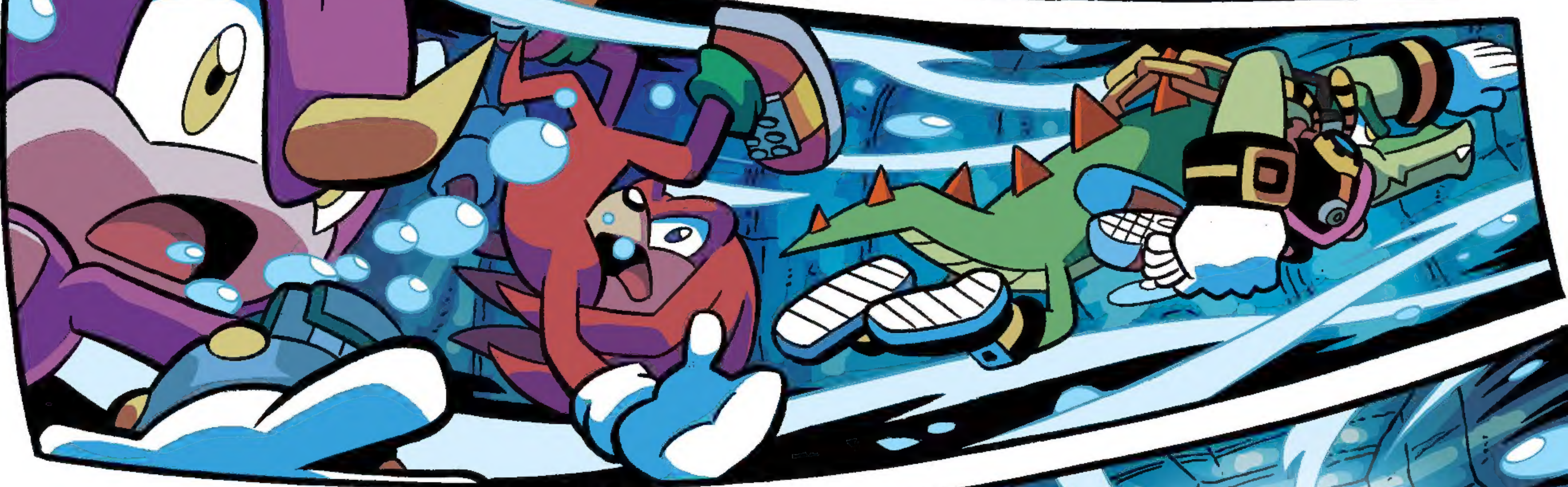
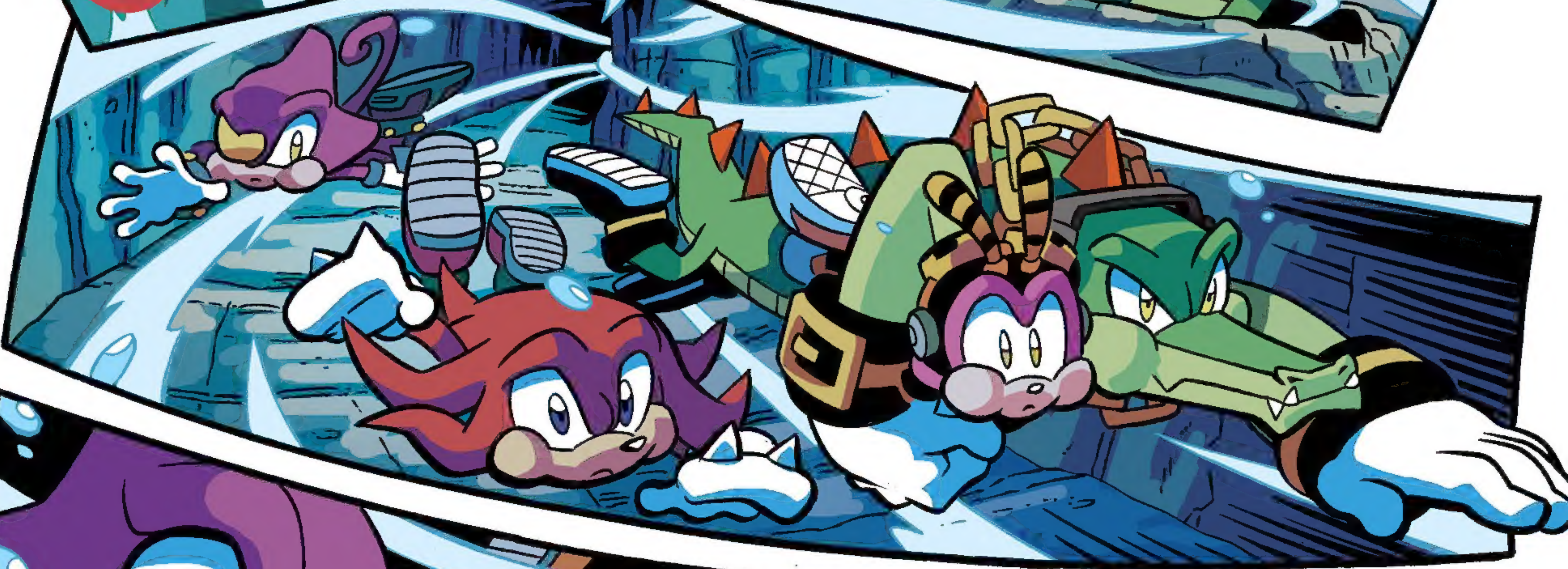
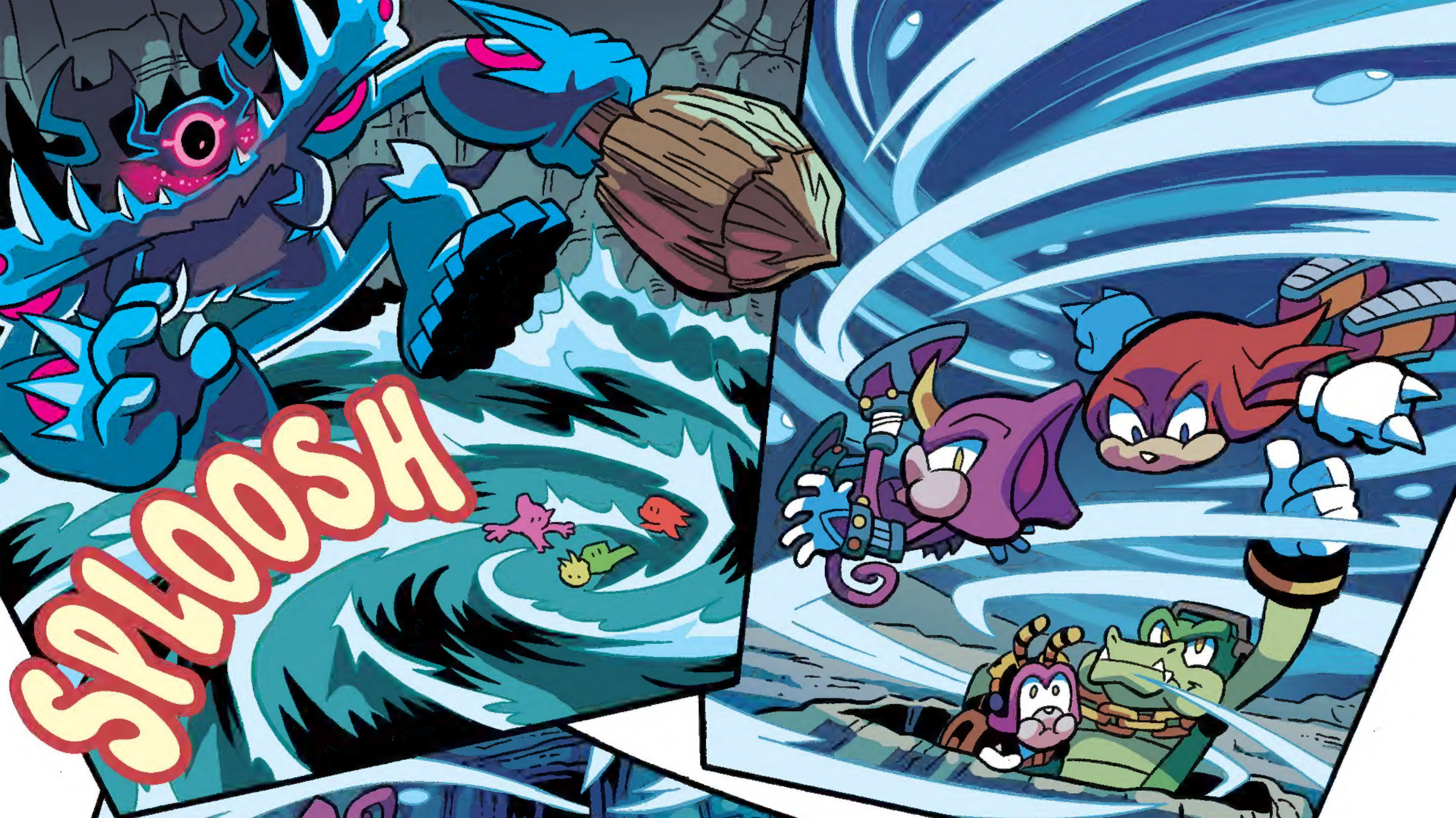
I REMEMBER THAT TUNNEL! EVEN IF THE OTHER END WAS OPEN, IT'S TOO LONG TO SWIM UNDERWATER! WE'D NEVER MAKE IT!



BINGO!

THEY CHANGE THE WATER LEVELS AND SOMEHOW STILL WORK. THERE'S A BUNCH OF SWITCHES TROUGHOUT THE MINES.





CRREEAAKK

THIS IS
WHERE WE CAME
IN! WE'RE HOME
FREE, BOYS!

SKA-
PLOOSH

...NOW
THAT'S WHAT
I'M TALKIN'
ABOUT!



IT'S NOT FAIR... WE'D WON FOR ONCE...

NO... WE'RE NOT DONE YET! I WON'T--!



SPLORT



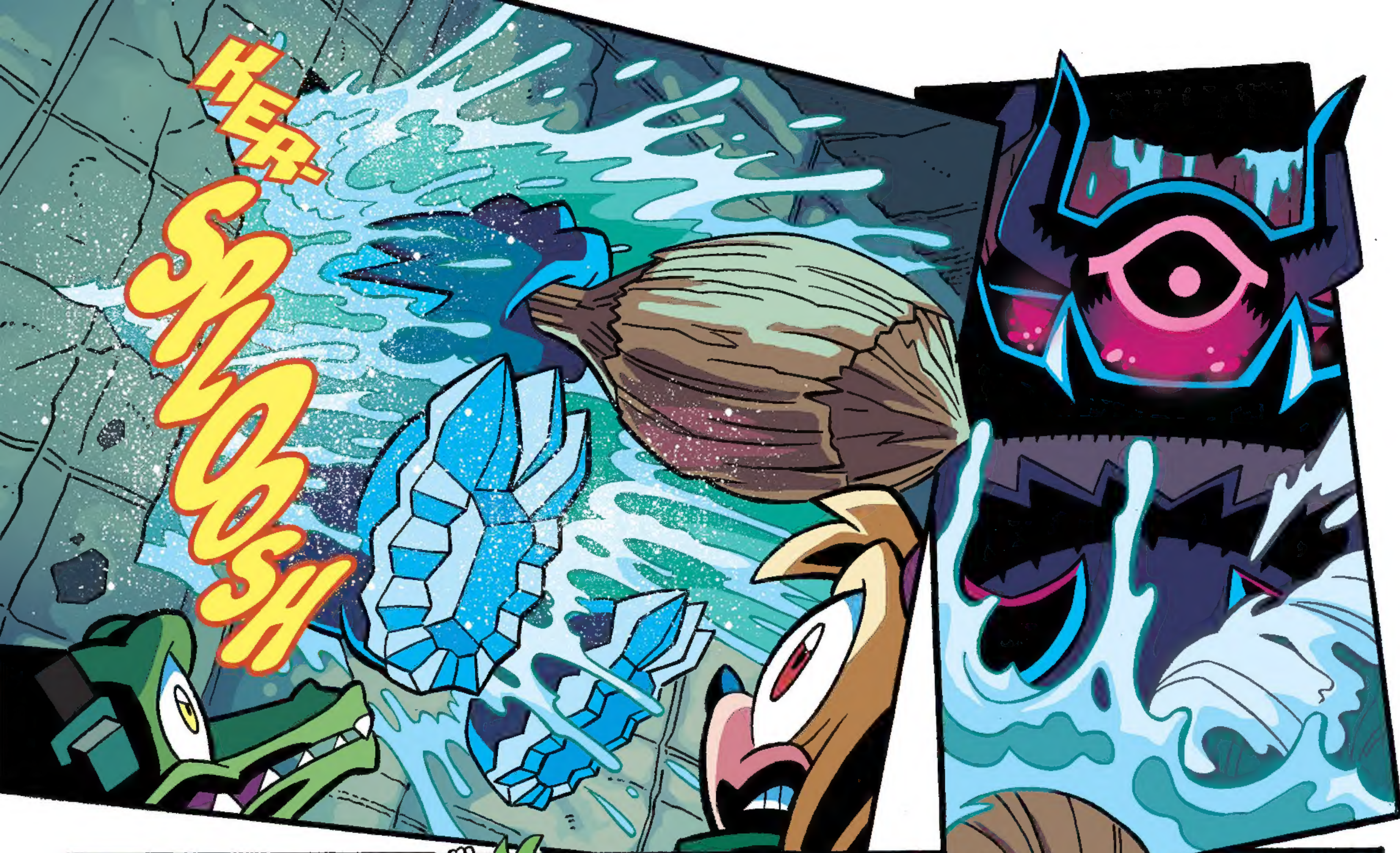
IT'S NOT FAIR!!



ALL RIGHT... CHIP AND THE EMERALD ARE COMING WITH US. WALK AWAY NOW, OR SO HELP ME...

Um... KNUCKLES?

KRRUMBLE



WHA-HA-HA!
YES! NOW-- LET
THERE BE CLOWNS!
WITH BALLOONS!
**BALLOON
CLOWNS!!**

HELP
ME UP!



NO! NO!
GRAB THE
EMERALD!

Nuh-Uh.
YOU DIDN'T SAY
SIMON-SAYS-MOTHER-
MAY-I-OLLIE-OLLIE-
OXEN-FREE.



MISTER
KNUCKLES! LOOK!
I ESCAPED AND
BROUGHT BACK
THE EMERALD!

Heh--
GOOD WORK,
CHIP. NOW ALL
WE'VE GOT
TO DO...

...IS GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!!

FLYING BATTERY WRECKAGE, ANGEL ISLAND

RELIC the PIKA ARCHAEOLOGIST

I WAS ABLE TO REROUTE THE LAST OF THE POWER HERE.

MARVELOUS!

FIXIT ANCIENT ROBOT

I COULDN'T EVEN GET THE BEASTLY THING TO TURN ON.

IS THE COMPUTER SYSTEM HERE ABLE TO ANALYZE THE SAMPLES WE TOOK FROM MUSHROOM HILL?

YES, MADAM. IT WOULD APPEAR DR. EGGMAN WAS USING THIS FLYING FORTRESS AS BOTH A BATTLESHIP AND A RESEARCH STATION.

AND?

...APOLOGIES, MADAM, BUT THE DATABASE CAN'T IDENTIFY THE SAMPLES.

I WOULD EXPECT EGGMAN'S DATABASES TO BE QUITE EXTENSIVE. I SHUDDER TO CONSIDER...

CONSIDER WHAT, MADAM?

I'M HOPING IT'S JUST A BUGGY SYSTEM, BUT THIS SEEMS TO SUGGEST...

... THAT THEY'RE NOT OF THIS WORLD.

RED MOUNTAINS, ANGEL ISLAND



RRRRGH... FORGET TRYING TO HARVEST THE LIFE ON THIS PLANET.

WE SHOULD'VE JUST BLOWN IT UP AND BEEN DONE WITH IT.

ECLIPSE ALIEN, LIVING WEAPON

FEEDING TIME, MY DARK ARMS. IT'S NOT BREATHING, BUT IT'S THE BEST WE'VE GOT FOR NOW. I NEED YOU TO GROW BIG AND STRONG...



MEANWHILE--AQUATIC MINE ZONE



SO...I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA, BUT I NEED A MINUTE TO EXPLAIN IT. AND THAT THING AIN'T GONNA COOPERATE.

OOH! OOH! I GOT THIS!



HEY, BEAN! THAT MONSTER SAYS YOUR BOMBS ARE WIMPY! IT SAYS IT'S SEEN BIGGER EXPLOSIONS IN A MICRO-WAVE!

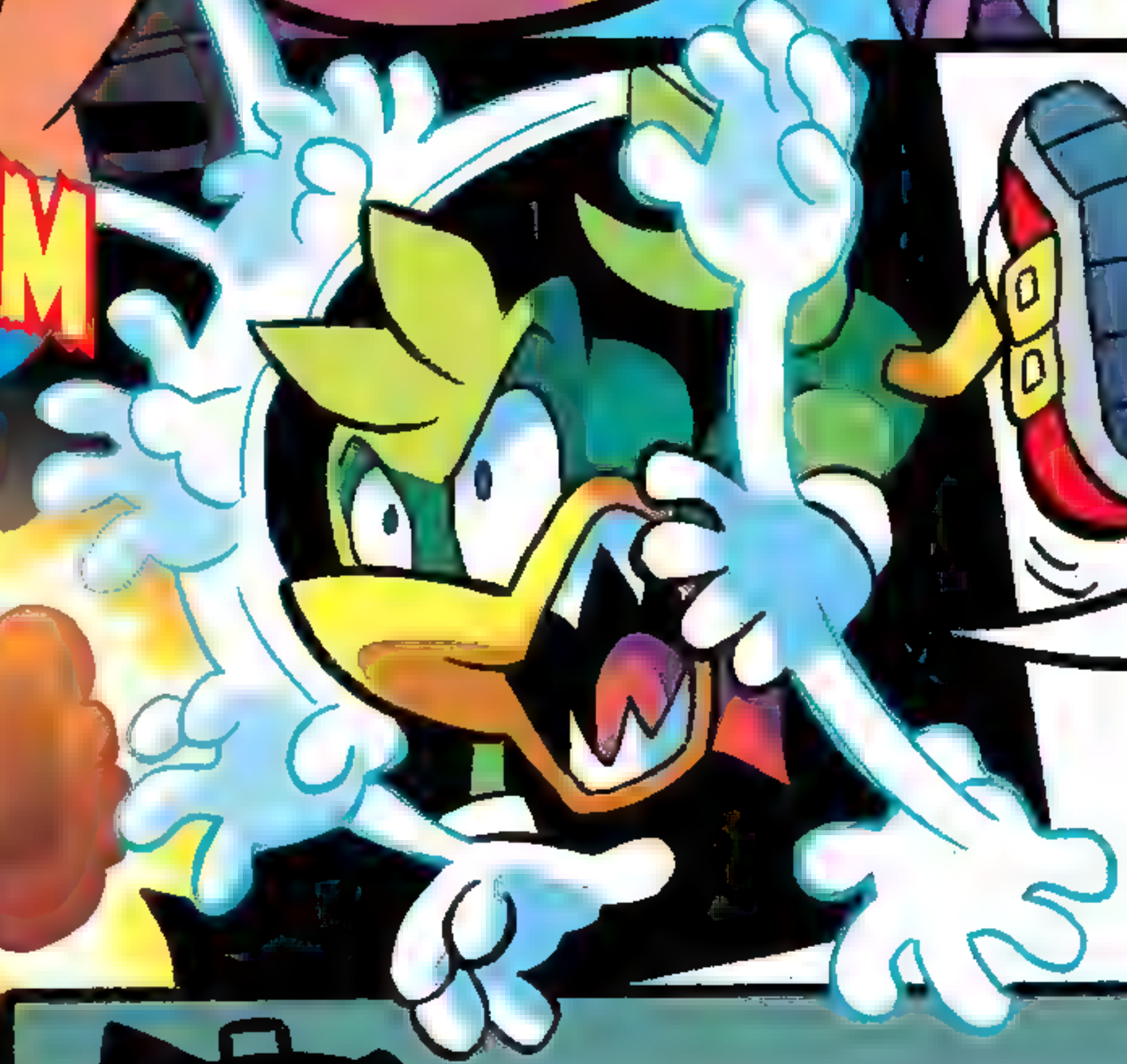
IT SAYS IT'S HEARD MORE BANG FROM A SHEET OF BUBBLE-WRAP!



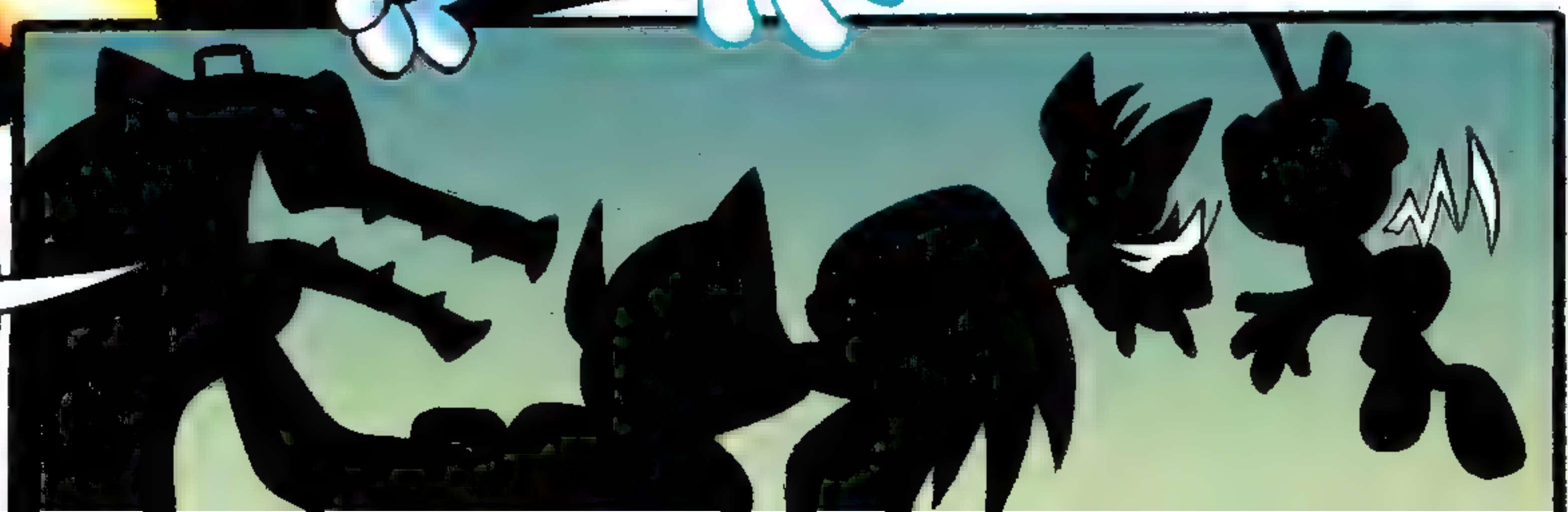
Uh... BEAN?



WORDS CAN HURT, YOU JERK! I'LL TEACH YOU FOR SAYING MEAN THINGS, YOU MOUTH-LESS FREAK!!



NICE WORK, CHARMY! NOW LISTEN UP-- HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO...





DO I COME TO YOUR PLACE AND TELL YOU HOW TO DO YOUR JOB?! NO! IT'S CALLED "PROFESSIONAL COURTESY"!!

ROOARRR!

BLAM!

KA-BLAM!

DON'T SASS ME!!

LOOK AT HIM. WHY COULDN'T HE HAVE DONE THAT WHEN WE GOT BUSTED ON THAT JOB IN EMPIRE CITY?

OR WHEN WE WERE GOING FOR THAT VAULT-- YOU REMEMBER THE ONE. WHY DO WE TOLERATE HIM AGAIN?

KA-BOOM!

BLANNO

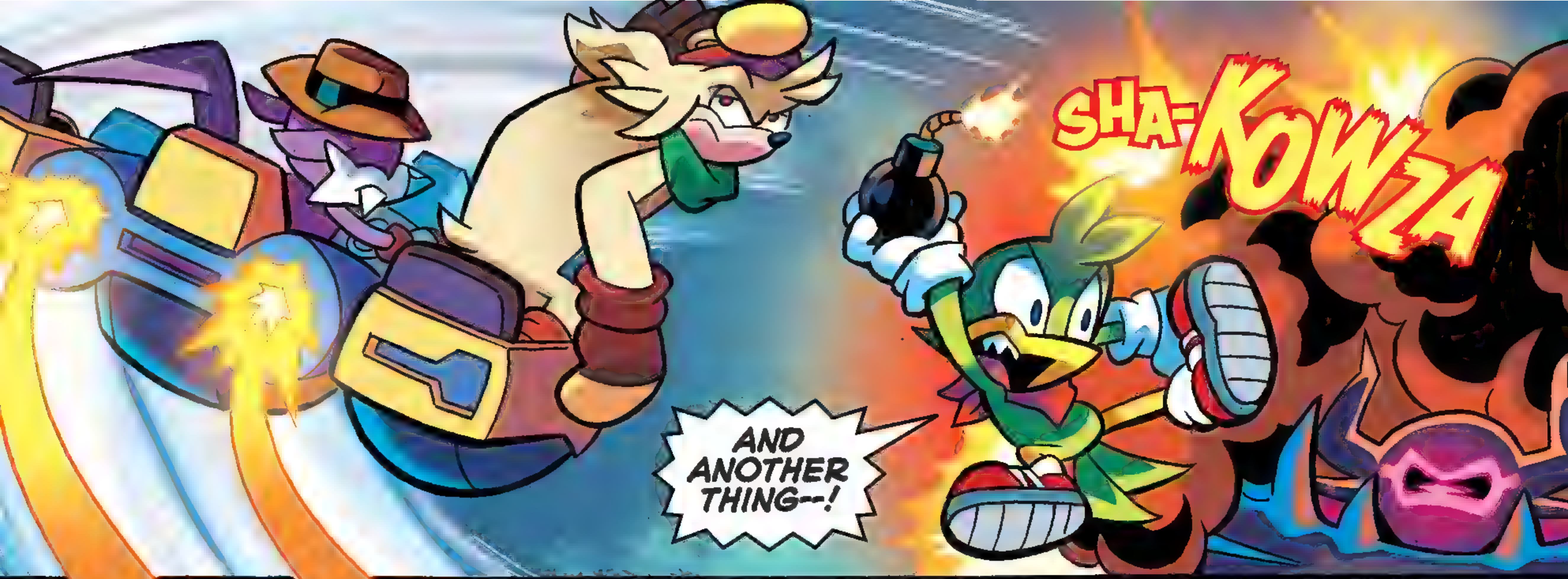


...AND WHY AM I TRYING TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH YOU?

SIGH C'MON. LET'S GET THAT EMERALD BACK WHILE EVERYONE'S DISTRACTED.

deet
deet
deet

VROOOOM

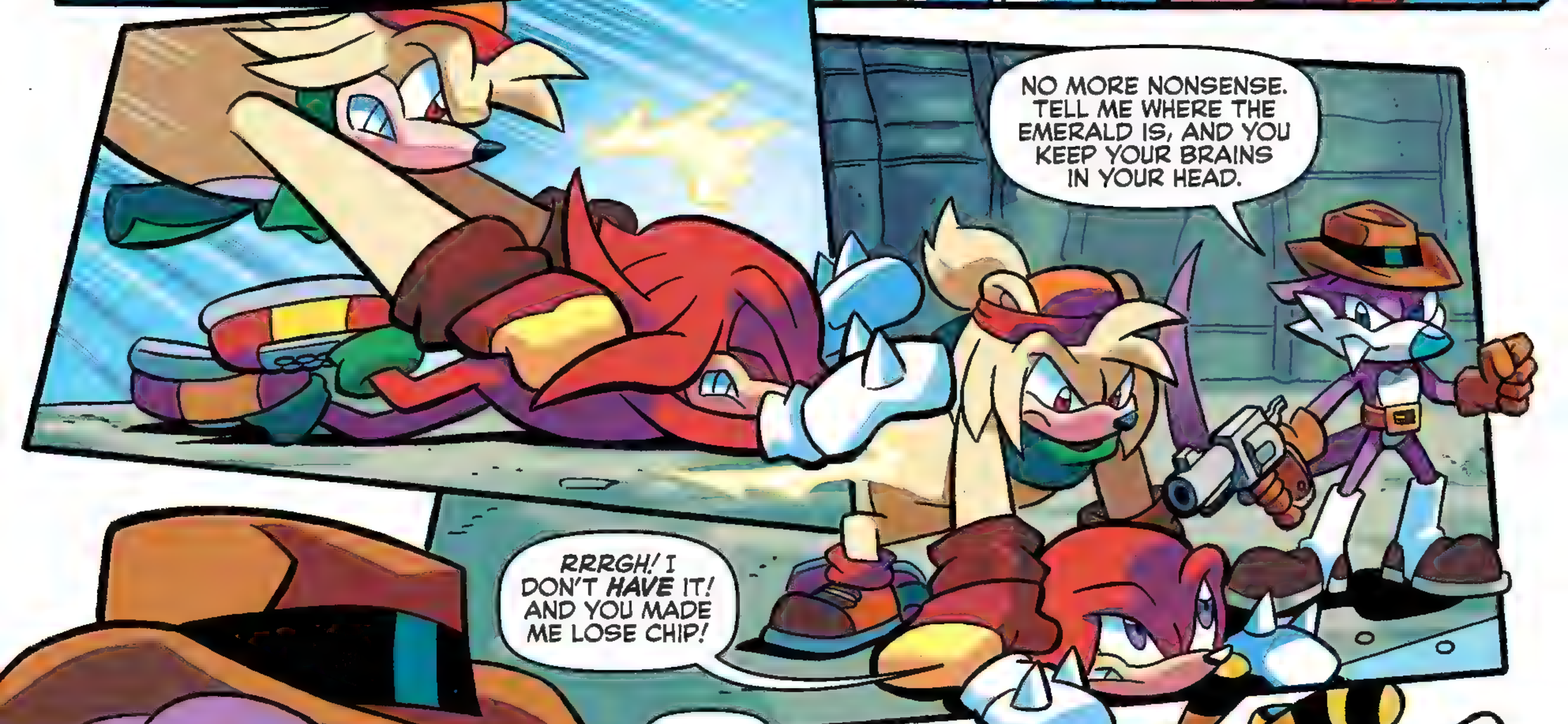


AND ANOTHER THING--!

SHA-KOWZA



CHIP!
WHERE ARE YOU?



NO MORE NONSENSE.
TELL ME WHERE THE
EMERALD IS, AND YOU
KEEP YOUR BRAINS
IN YOUR HEAD.

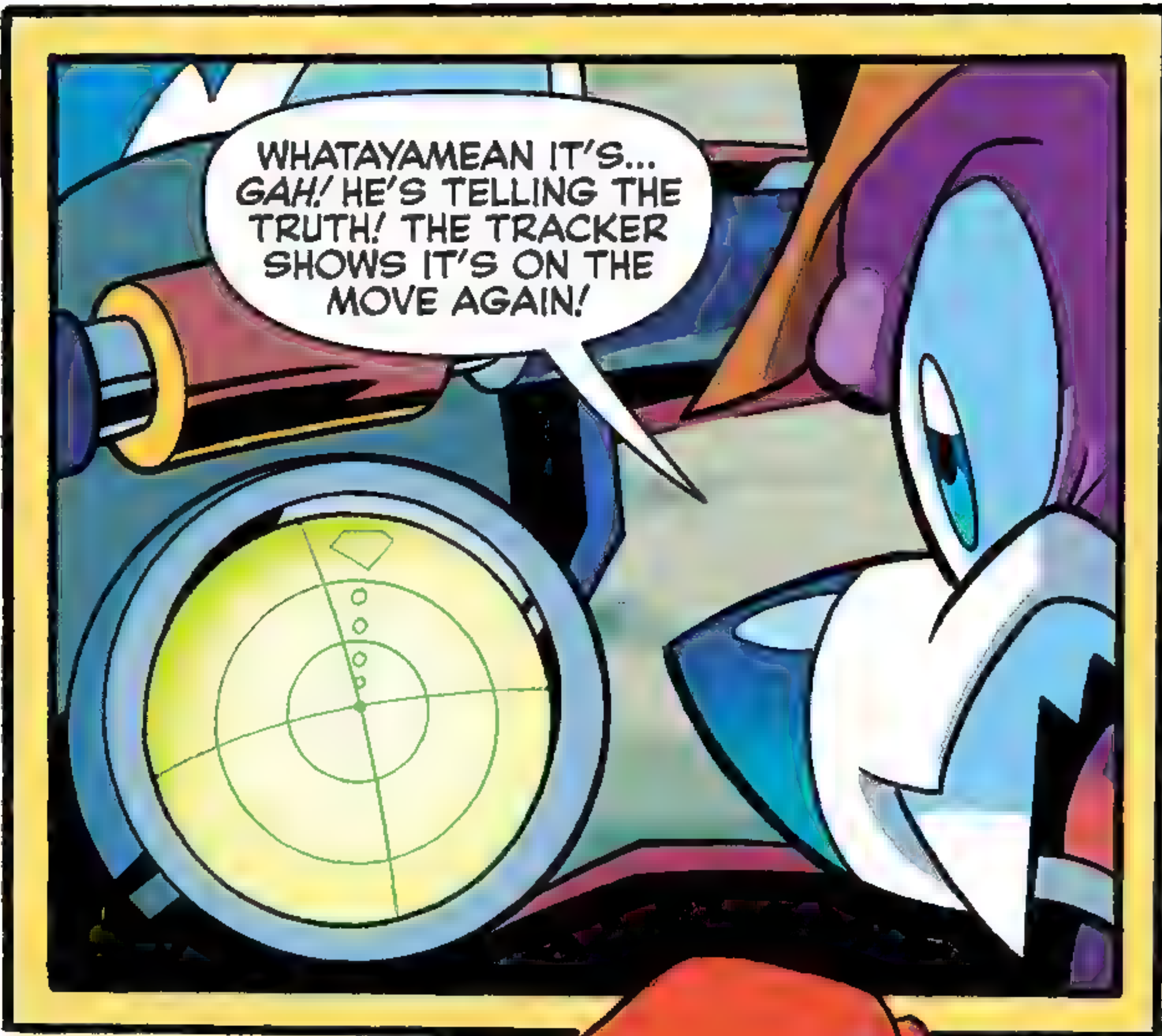
RRRGH! I
DON'T HAVE IT!
AND YOU MADE
ME LOSE CHIP!

LET HIM
GO!

NOT UNTIL
I GET THE
EMERALD.

IT'S
NOT HERE!
CHIP MUST'VE
TOOK IT!





PSHAHAHA!
THEY'RE
ALMOST
GONE!

YES. NOW
ALL WE HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT IS
THE GIANT EN-
RAGED BEAST
FROM THE
DEPTHS.

NOT FOR
LONG...

KRAOAHARR!

WHAM

WHAM WHAM WHAM

THUD

WHAM

BWOOOOSH





AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE.



SURE, AFTER BEAN SOFTENED IT UP FOR YOU.

WE'RE CLEAR! I'LL GO GET THE EMERALD. VECTOR, YOU CAN LET CHIP OUT NOW!



BLECH!

I WISH...MY AMNESIA... TOOK THE PAST TEN MINUTES... FOREVER...



SERIOUS QUESTION: HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN A BATH?

...A WHAT...?



TA-DA! SEE? I HID IT REAL GOOD!

YOU DID GREAT, KID.



THE HOOLIGANS WON'T BE BACK, RIGHT?

I SCRAMBLED THEIR TRACKER SO BADLY, THEY'LL BE CHASING FAKE EMERALDS FOR DAYS.

HAHA! NICE WORK, ESPIO!

LATER--
PUMPKIN
HILL ZONE

Oh, WOW...
GOOD
MORNING,
MR. SUN!
WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
SUNRISE!



YEAH...
MAKES YOU
FORGET THE
WORLD IS
SUCH A
MESS RIGHT
NOW.

AND I SEE
NONE OF THE
SHADOWY
MONSTERS.
I WONDER...
DOES THE
SUN WEAKEN
THEM...?



IT WON'T MATTER SOON! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
SAID THEY CAN FIX THINGS WITH THE CHAOS
EMERALDS. Ooh, I CAN'T WAIT TO COLLECT
THE FINDER'S FEE!

YOU CAN HAVE
THE CASH, BUT YOU
SHOULD GIVE ME
THE EMERALD.



WHAT'CHOO TALKIN'
'BOUT, KNUCKLES?

THINK ABOUT IT.
THE HOOLIGANS WILL
FIGURE OUT THEY'VE
BEEN DUPED EVEN-
TUALLY. IF THEY'RE
LOOKING FOR
EMERALDS, YOU'LL
CROSS PATHS
SOON ENOUGH.

YOU RUN THE
RISK OF THEM
STEALING THIS
EMERALD FROM
YOU AGAIN.

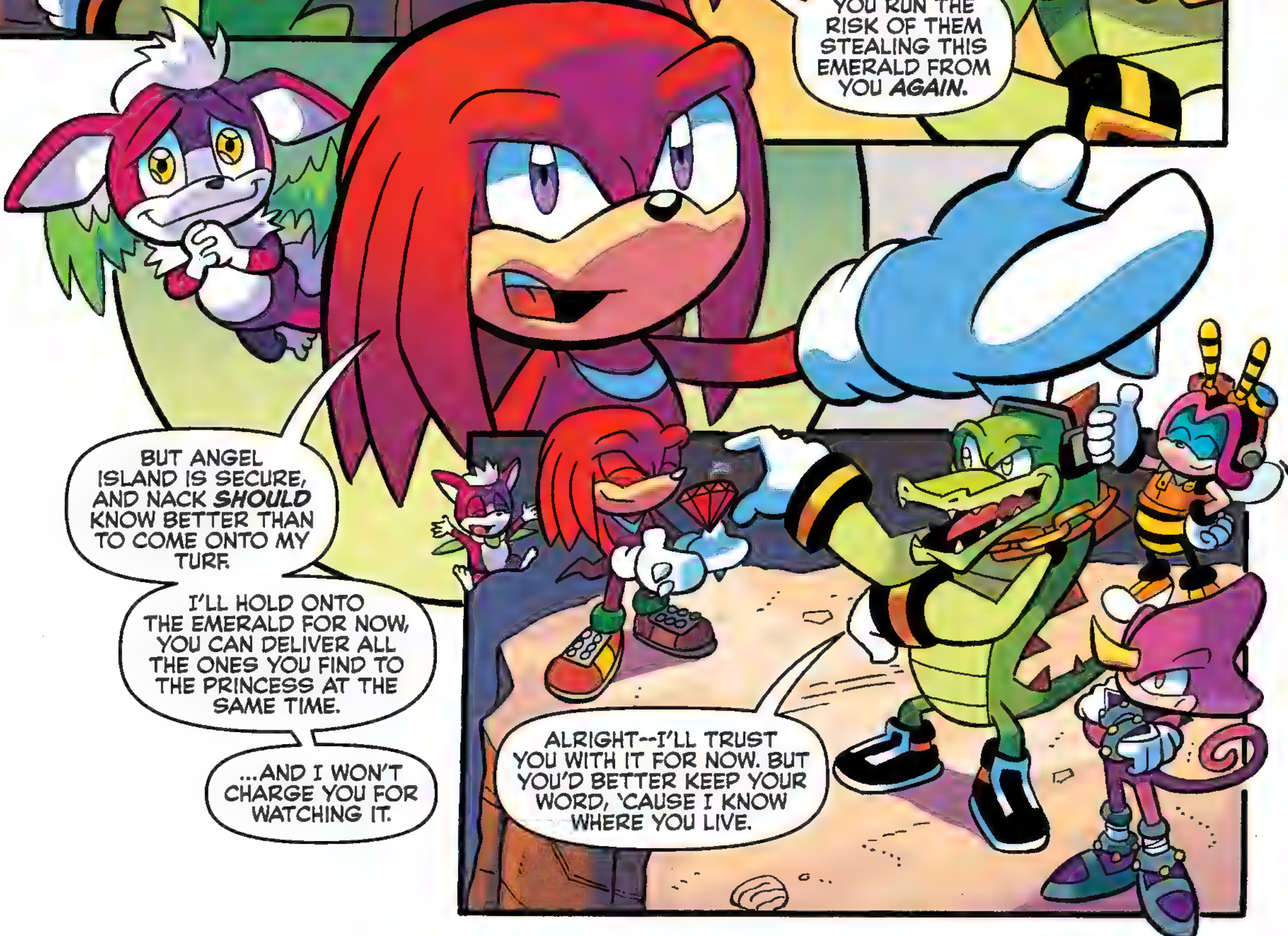


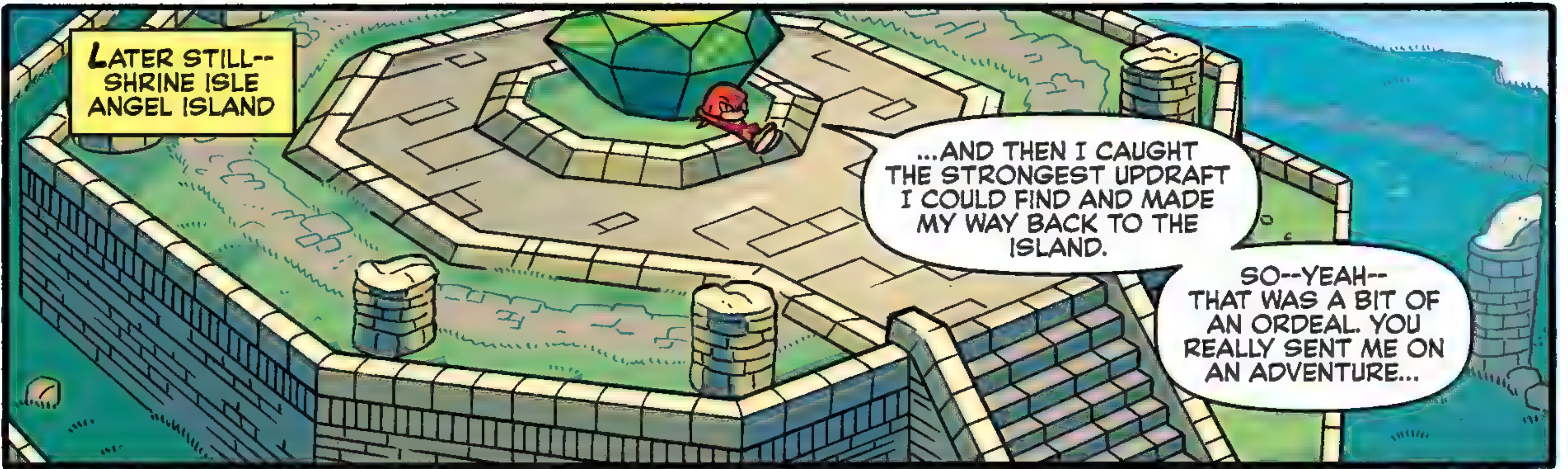
BUT ANGEL
ISLAND IS SECURE,
AND NACK **SHOULD**
KNOW BETTER THAN
TO COME ONTO MY
TURF.

I'LL HOLD ONTO
THE EMERALD FOR NOW,
YOU CAN DELIVER ALL
THE ONES YOU FIND TO
THE PRINCESS AT THE
SAME TIME.

...AND I WON'T
CHARGE YOU FOR
WATCHING IT.

ALRIGHT--I'LL TRUST
YOU WITH IT FOR NOW. BUT
YOU'D BETTER KEEP YOUR
WORD, 'CAUSE I KNOW
WHERE YOU LIVE.

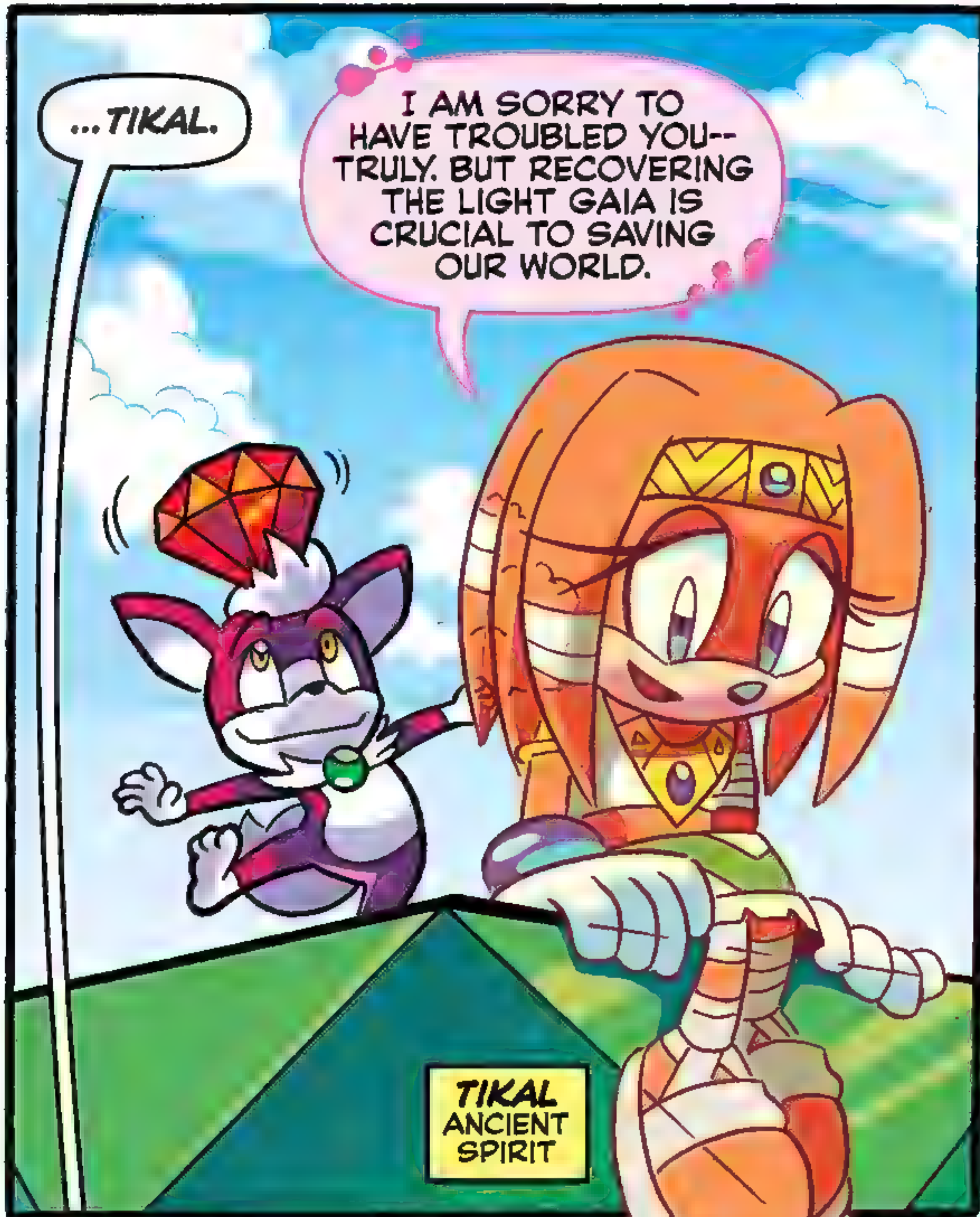




LATER STILL--
SHRINE ISLE
ANGEL ISLAND

...AND THEN I CAUGHT
THE STRONGEST UPDRAFT
I COULD FIND AND MADE
MY WAY BACK TO THE
ISLAND.

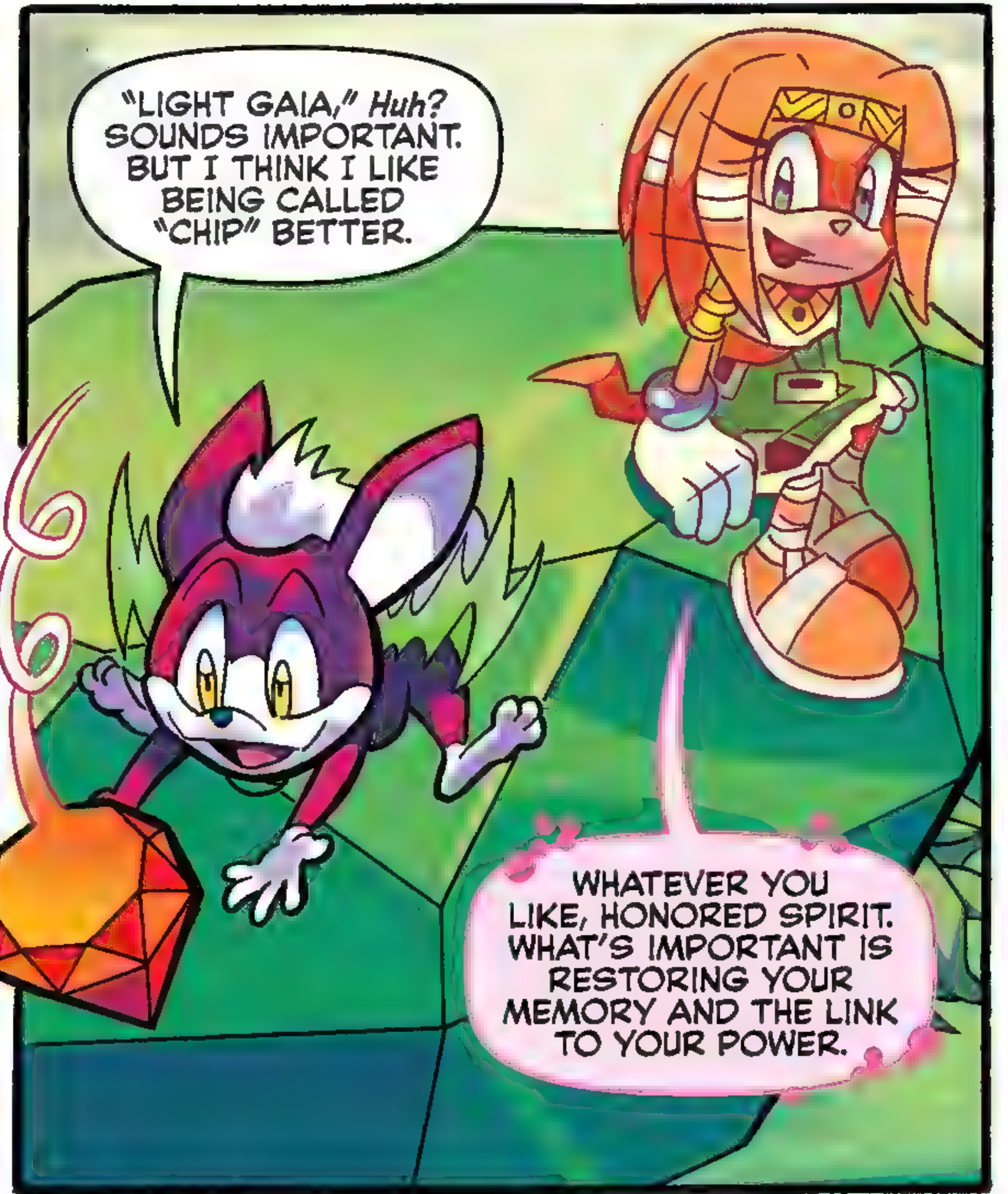
SO--YEAH--
THAT WAS A BIT OF
AN ORDEAL. YOU
REALLY SENT ME ON
AN ADVENTURE...



...TIKAL.

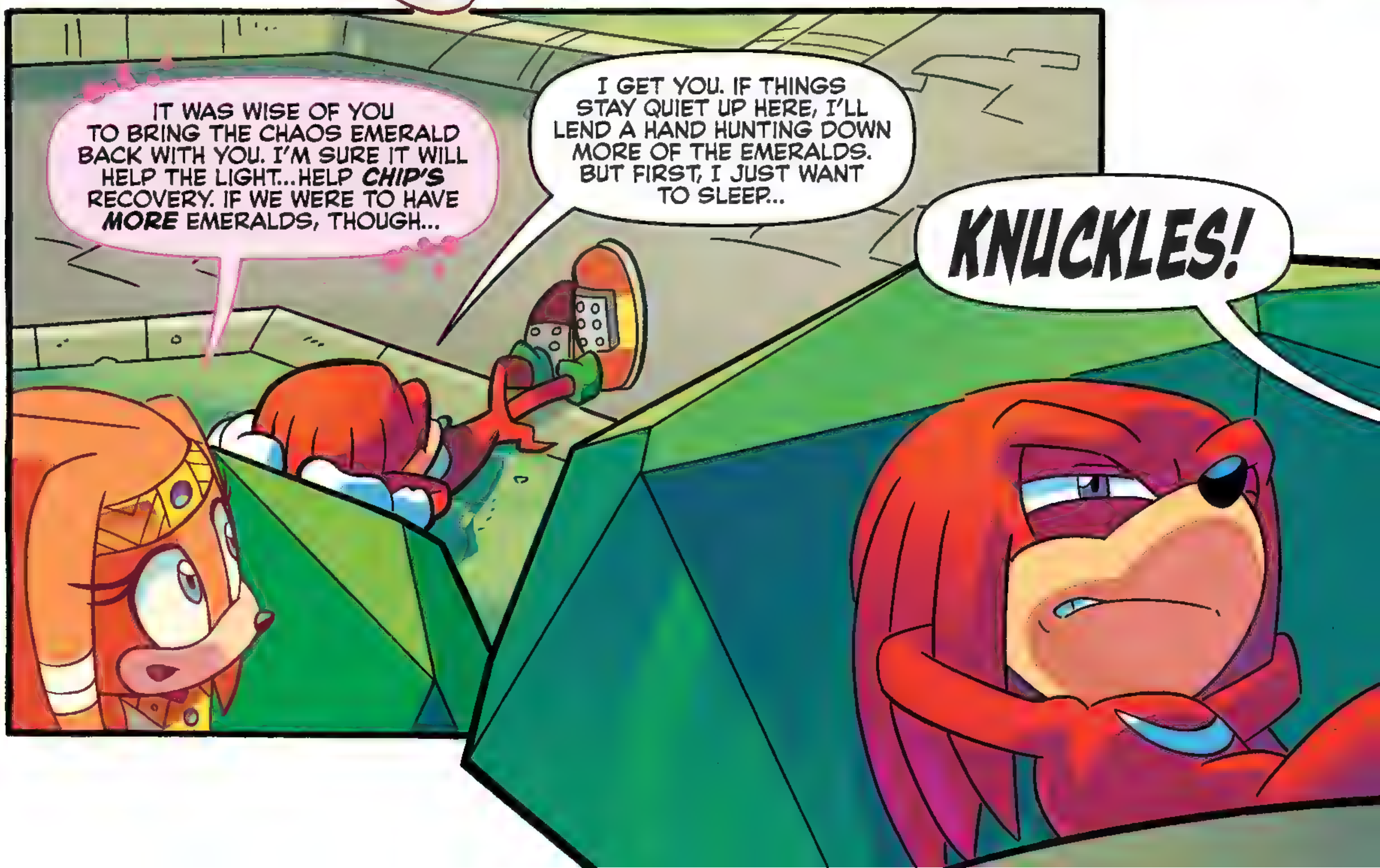
I AM SORRY TO
HAVE TROUBLED YOU--
TRULY. BUT RECOVERING
THE LIGHT GAIA IS
CRUCIAL TO SAVING
OUR WORLD.

TIKAL
ANCIENT
SPIRIT



"LIGHT GAIA," Huh?
SOUNDS IMPORTANT.
BUT I THINK I LIKE
BEING CALLED
"CHIP" BETTER.

WHATEVER YOU
LIKE, HONORED SPIRIT.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS
RESTORING YOUR
MEMORY AND THE LINK
TO YOUR POWER.



IT WAS WISE OF YOU
TO BRING THE CHAOS EMERALD
BACK WITH YOU. I'M SURE IT WILL
HELP THE LIGHT...HELP **CHIP'S**
RECOVERY. IF WE WERE TO HAVE
MORE EMERALDS, THOUGH...

I GET YOU. IF THINGS
STAY QUIET UP HERE, I'LL
LEND A HAND HUNTING DOWN
MORE OF THE EMERALDS.
BUT FIRST, I JUST WANT
TO SLEEP...

KNUCKLES!



Oh, GOOD!
YOU'RE BACK!

YEAH, AND
VERY TIRED,
SO IF YOU--

I FOUND
SOMETHING
WHILE YOU
WERE--!



--HELLO. I DO BEG
YOUR PARDON, BUT
YOU APPEAR TO BE AN
APPARITION.

YES. I AM TIKAL,
A SPIRIT BOUND
TO THE MASTER
EMERALD.

JUDGING BY YOUR
CLOTHES...FROM ONE
OF THE LONG-LOST
INDIGENOUS TRIBES?

YES. BEFORE
ANGEL ISLAND
TOOK TO THE
SKY.



SQUEE!!



RELIC?
HELLO? YOU
HAD SOMETHING
REALLY
IMPORTANT
TO TELL
ME?



YOU
SIMPLY
MUST TELL
ME EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
EVERY-
THING!

Oh, RIGHT! HOW SILLY
OF ME! LISTEN--MY EVIDENCE
IS LIMITED, BUT I FEAR ANGEL
ISLAND IS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN
ALIEN INVASION!



MEANWHILE--
THE DEATH EGG

MY EGG ARMY IS BUSY
SECURING THEIR TERRITORIES!
MY BADNIK HORDE IS SPREAD
THIN! I HIRED YOU FOR ONE
JOB--ONE JOB!--

--AND YOU
COME BACK
EMPTY
HANDED?!

I-IT'S NOT
MY FAULT,
DOC. THERE
WERE THESE
MONSTERS,
SEE, AND...

YES-YES-YES--
BEASTS BORN FROM
THE DARK ENERGY SEEPING
FROM THE PLANET'S CORE.
THEY'D BE FASCINATING IF
THEY WEREN'T BEING SUCH
A DRAIN ON MY
FORCES.

IF I COULD
HARNESS THAT
POWER, THOUGH
...HMMMMMM...

BUT THAT
DOESN'T GET
YOU THREE OFF
THE HOOK! YOU'RE
GETTING ME AN
EMERALD, AND
THIS TIME FOR
FREE!

LUCKY FOR
YOU, I KNOW
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING TO GET
IT FROM...

COMING SOON TO
CASINO PARK ARENA
**THE CHAOS EMERALD
CHAMPIONSHIP**
ALL CONTENDERS WELCOME

THE
HUNT FOR THE
**CHAOS
EMERALDS**
CONTINUES IN
**SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG!**
BUT NEXT TIME IN
SONIC UNIVERSE--
THE FINAL CHAPTER IN
**THE DARK
TRILOGY**
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SHADOW vs. KNUCKLES!
ECLIPSE and the
DARK ARMS!
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hey there, team!

Hi there, Sonic fan!

First off, let me say that I am a long-time faithful reader who's been along for the ride since the original Sonic miniseries way back when.

Ah, you're a veteran Sonic comic fan! Thanks for supporting the series for so long!

This is the only comic that has managed to keep me captivated and entertained for over 20 years and I love the fact that the art and writing can be appreciated by readers of all ages.

We want to tell the best stories we can for the long-time fans like you, and also have stories that are fun and entertaining for anyone picking up a Sonic comic for the first time! We're happy to hear such great feedback!

I have a few comments and questions about some of the recent happenings in Sonic

Universe.

Fire away!

1.) Eclipse. GREAT character, dynamic and lots of potential. I was SO hoping the "Shadow Fall" storyline would twist so that Shadow would throw off the mind control and ultimately convince Eclipse to turn good. I really wanted to see an epic final battle between Shadow and Eclipse. But Eclipse got his butt kicked by E-123. Sure, he survived, but is he really a threat in the future if it doesn't even take Shadow to defeat him?

Hmmm, that's a neat idea with Shadow turning the tables on Eclipse! As for their ultimate battle, who's to say that isn't coming up down the pike?! Eclipse has a lot to prove, and I think you're gonna like what you see in the upcoming "Total Eclipse" story starting next issue.

2.) I'm really enjoying "The Great Chaos Caper." It's always a pleasure to see Bark and Bean. Is it just me, or are the Chaotix unusually snappish with each other? They really didn't seem to be getting along at all.

The Chaotix definitely get on each other's nerves, especially with Charmy's hyperactiveness, but in the end they still come together as a team when it really counts!

Anyway, as always, keep up the great work and here's to 20+ more years of cool adventures!
Sincerely,

Jen B. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in and for the kind words, Jen!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Knuckles.... Shadow.... Eclipse.... Snively (I think).... Collab.... TRILOGY!!!!
That settles it...
You guys are even more awesome now.

Shadow's 1.1 fan
Austin J. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, awesome Austin! You got it right! Our next story arc is the third part of our Dark Trilogy storyline!

See y'all next month for the start of the all-new story arc, "Total Eclipse"!

COLLECTOR COVER SPOTLIGHT

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TURNED
FOR SONIC
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